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SUBJECT: PERIODIC REPORT TO SFRC ON LAOS

REFS: A. STATE 063137
B. VIENTIANE 3253

FOLLOWING IS MISSION REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER CY 72,
USING SAME FORMAT AS PREVIOUS REPORT (REF. B):

1. US PERSONNEL IN LAOS (AS OF 30 JUNE 72): 1220.
 - A. CIVILIAN DIRECT HIRE: 444.
 - B. MILITARY: 240.
 - (1) ARMY ATTACHE: 21.
 - (2) AIR ATTACHE: 7.
 - (3) PROJECT 404 (INCLUDING TDY TO PROJECT 404): 199.
 - (4) MARINE GUARDS AND US NAVY: 13.
 - C. PERSONNEL ON TEMPORARY DUTY: 25.
 - (1) CIVILIAN: 6.
 - (2) MILITARY (LESS TDY TO PROJECT 404): 19.
 - D. CONTRACT EMPLOYEES: 511.
2. FRIENDLY MILITARY FORCES (TOTAL STRENGTH AS OF 30 JUNE 72): 92,225.
 - A. FAR/FAN: 52,369.

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- B. LAO IRREGULAR FORCES: 30,015.
C. THAI VOLUNTEERS IN RLG IRREGULAR FORCES: 9,805.
3. ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCES IN LAOS (AVERAGE OF MONTHLY FIGURES DURING SECOND QUARTER CY 72): 106,0084
A. NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) (EXCLUDING THOSE ENEMY FORCES TRANSITING LAOS VIDHO CHI MINH TRAIL SYSTEM): 68,000.
B. LAO PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (LPLA): 36,000.
C. DISSIDENT NEUTRALISTS (DN): 2,000.
4. ROYAL LAO AIR FORCE (RLAF) OPERATIONS IN LAOS:
A. TACTICAL AIR SORTIES: 6,566.
B/) &7, #80/FLARESHIP SORTIES: 381.
C. AIR TRANSPORT SORTIES: 7,794.
5. CASUALTIES IN LAOS:
A. US MISSION PERSONNEL: 4 KILLED.
B. LAO:
(1) FAR/FAN: 157 KILLED, 495 WOUNDED.
(2) LAO IRREGULARS: 418 KILLED, 1,181 WOUNDED.
C. THAI VOLUNTEERS: 113 KILLED, 505 WOUNDED.
D. NVA/LPLA/DN (EXCLUDING THOSE IN HO CHI MINH TRAIL AREA RESULTING FROM ACTION OF NON-RLG FORCES:) 1,233 KILLED, 3,843 ESTIMATED KILLED OR WOUNDED.
6. USG MILITARY CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS, IF: ANY; NONE.
7. US MISSION PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTION (MIA) IN LAOS: NONE.
FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS APPLY TO ABOVE CATEGORIES:
PARA 2.A-INCLUDES RLAF STRENGTH OF 2,232.
DECREASE (5,287) FROM PREVIOUS REPORT DUE TO RE-EVALUATION OF FAR/FAN ROSTERS.
PARA 2.C-INCLUDES ONLY THOSE THAI IN COUNTRY, NOT THOSE IN TRAINING (4,146).
PARA 3.A-SIZEABLE DECREASE (9,000) FROM PREVIOUS REPORT DUE TO MOVEMENT OF ONE DIVISION WITH SUPPORTING ELEMENTS FROM MR II TO NVN AND APPARENT MOVEMENT OF SEVERAL HO CHI MINH TRAIL SUPPLY AND SERVICE ELEMENTS FROM SOUTH LAOS TO NORTHERN SVN.
PARA 3.B-FIGURE OF 36,000 INCLUDES ABOUT 13,000

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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHO PERFORM MILITARY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS, E.G. VILLAGE DEFENSE, TRANSPORTATION AND HEADQUARTERS STAFFS, IN PL CONTROLLED AREAS.

PARA 3.C-FIGURE OF RIWNPPP INCLUDES KHAMMOUANE NEUTRALISTS (APPROX 1000) ON WHOM WE HAVE HAD NO INTELLIGENCE REPORTING SINCE 1968 EXCEPT FOR THEIR FREQUENT MENTION IN RECENT PL PROPAGANDA.

PARA 4.A-INCLUDES 253 T-28 TRAINING SORTIES IN LAOS.

PARA 5.A-THREE OF FOUR BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DEATHS NOT RPT NOT RELATED TO HOSTILE ACTION. (SEE VIENTIANE 2802, 2855, 3153 AND 4602; STATE 062358 AND 063373).

PARA 5.C-REMAINS OF 98 THAI KILLED DURING MARCH WERE RECOVERED IN MAY: REF B FIGURE FOR THIS ITEM SHOULD THEREFORE BE 395 VICE 297 KILLED.

PARA 5.D-FIGURE OF 1,233 KILLED IS CONSIDERED HARD AND RELATIVELY CONSERVATIVE, AND INCLUDES BOTH KIA AND KBA. FIGURE OF 3,843 ESTIMATED KILLED OR WOUNDED INCLUDES PROBABLE KIA/KBA, PROBABLE WIA AND WBA. ADDRESSEES ARE WELL AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING FIRM DATA ON ENEMY CASUALTIES.

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